WHEREAS, the holiday season is upon us with many gift giving opportunities and festive events; and

WHEREAS, retail establishments in Rockville offer a variety of shopping and dining experiences, from small boutiques and cafes, to national chains; and

WHEREAS, local businesses count on increased sales during the holiday season to boost their annual business revenues; and

WHEREAS, dollars spent locally contributes to our community's economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, citizens can travel less than five miles to find almost everything they need, thereby saving time, energy and gasoline; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of Rockville do hereby proclaim Friday, November 28th as "**Buy Rockville**" Day and urge all citizens to patronize Rockville businesses throughout the entire holiday season.

Susan R. Hoffmann, Mayor

John B. Britton, Councilmember

Phyllis Marduccio, Councilmember

Anne M. Robbins, Councilmember

Piotr Gajewski, Councilmember